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Indiana State Immunization Conference

Please make plans to attend the **Indiana State Immunization Conference at the Adam's Mark Hotel Indianapolis Airport, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis IN 46241**. The conference will be presented twice – once on October 16 and again on October 17, starting at 8:00 a.m.

If you did not register for the conference, on-site registration will be available, but lunch is not guaranteed for those who register on-site.

Varivax Vaccine Ordering Update

Merck has notified CDC of a temporary extension in the scheduled delivery timelines for varicella vaccine for the next few weeks. As of October 9, shipments of varicella vaccine will require 30-35 business days, or 6-7 calendar weeks for delivery, after placing an order. It is important to note that this delayed shipment timeline is a short term issue, and Merck is doing everything possible to return to normal shipping timelines. At this time, Merck expects to return to normal shipping timelines in November, dependent upon market demand and product availability.

Influenza Vaccine Ordering Update

CDC has advised the Indiana Immunization Program that the following formulations of influenza vaccine for the 2007-2008 influenza season are now available for distribution to Indiana VFC providers:

14,710 doses of sanofi pasteur's Fluzone vaccine in the 10 dose vial are now available for immediate distribution. Orders for this shipment will be submitted to CDC the week of October 15, 2007.

16,370 doses of sanofi pasteur's preservative-free Fluzone vaccine in the pediatric formulation (6-35 months) in 10 pack, one-dose, pre-loaded syringes are now available for immediate distribution. Orders for this shipment were submitted to CDC on October 12, 2007.

An additional 9,830 doses of sanofi pasteur's Fluzone preservative-free Fluzone vaccine in the pediatric formulation (6-35 months) in 10 pack, one-dose, pre-loaded syringes will be available for distribution and will be submitted to CDC the week of October 15, 2007.

All current orders of Novartis Fluvirin vaccine in the 10 dose vial are now available for immediate distribution. Orders for this shipment were submitted to CDC on October 12, 2007.

Important Shipping Information

Based on current estimated vaccine shipping timeframes from McKesson, influenza vaccine orders should be received by providers within two weeks of the stated CDC order date.

Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at: Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.